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Report of the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 6 November 2002.

2. The Conference was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

3. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bhutan, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, the Holy See, India, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Swaziland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

4. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and its specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: the European Community, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme.

C. Election of officers

5. At its meeting on 6 November, the Conference, by acclamation, elected Mr. Victor Manuel Lagos Pizzati (El Salvador) as President.

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D. Documentation

6. The Conference had before it a background note on the World Food Programme.

E. Announcement of pledges

7. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges to the World Food Programme by a number of Governments, and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.